GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INVITATION TO PM
T. GOVINDAN;VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether our Prime Minister has been given an invitation by the U.S. President to visit America;

(b) if so, the date on which the Prime Minister proposes to visit America; and

(c) the issues to be discussed during this visit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) During his recent visit to India, President Clinton extended an invitation to the Prime Minister to visit the United States of America. The Prime Minister accepted the invitation.

(b) The Prime Minister will visit the United States at a mutually convenient time to be worked out by the two sides.

(c) All issues of mutual interest including those specified in the Vision Statement such as co-operation in economic and commercial issues, counter-terrorism, energy and environment, and science and technology, would be discussed.